

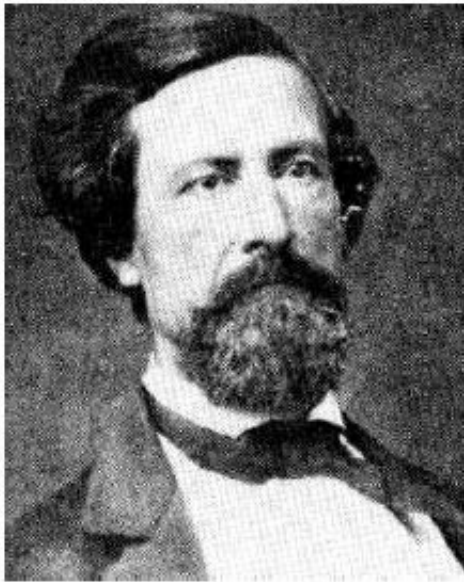
# Pemberton's Headquarters Summary of Initial Scoping Meetings

April 27-28, 2005

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***"I do not regret the course I conscientiously took, and only lament the results as they affect our country and yourself,"***



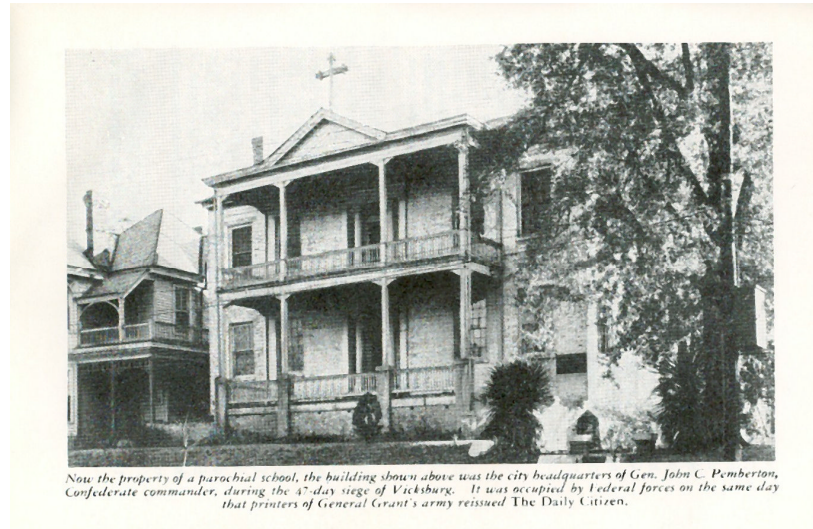
# Background

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- ✓ NPS acquired the site in October 2003.
- ✓ The park contracted for a Historic Structure Report that was completed in 2005.
- ✓ The park received funding for:
  - Stabilization & Repairs Revealed in HSR
  - Planning for Treatment & Use.





# Purpose of the Meetings

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Four initial scoping meetings were held April 27-28, 2005 for the following purposes:

- √ Inform stakeholders about upcoming stabilization and repair work at Pemberton's Headquarters
- √ Discuss public involvement and planning processes for the site
- √ Gain input for potential uses and treatments of the building.

Participants of initial scoping meetings:

- City of Vicksburg Mayor and Aldermen
- Warren County Board of Supervisors
- Vicksburg National Military Park staff
- Agency and organization representatives





# Pemberton HQ Initial Scoping Meetings Process

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- ✓ Review of project background and upcoming stabilization efforts
- ✓ Presentation of site history
- ✓ Discussion of planning process
- ✓ Review of public involvement process
- ✓ Generation of ideas for site uses and treatments



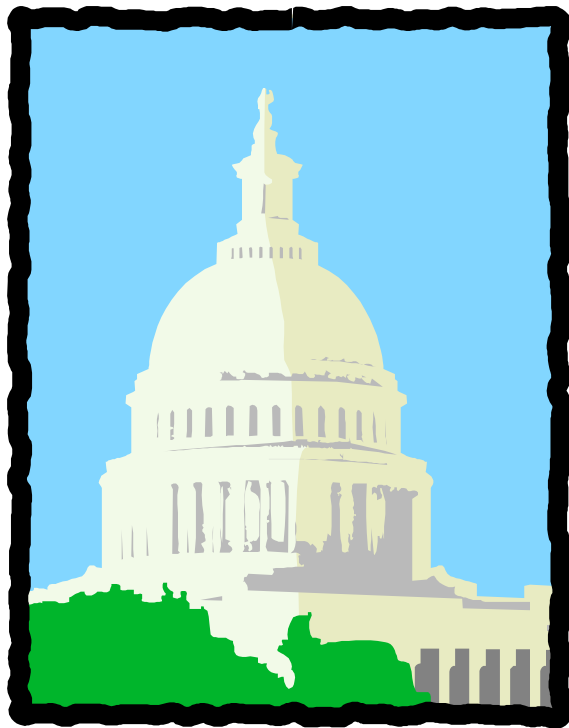


# Planning Process

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√Planning for the management of resources and visitor experience in the National Park Service involves two elements:

- The things we *must* do according to laws, policies, mandates and constraints.
- The things we *want* to do as expressed by stakeholders during the initial public involvement phase of the project.



# Public Involvement

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√The public involvement effort includes meetings with park staff, local officials, and other community stakeholders including the general public.

√There is strong public interest in Pemberton's Headquarters from congressional representatives and members of the Vicksburg community.



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√Public involvement results in support for the park and assistance in carrying out the park's mission.

√Public involvement generates ideas and assists the park by suggesting potential options for the future of the site.



# Generating Ideas for the Site

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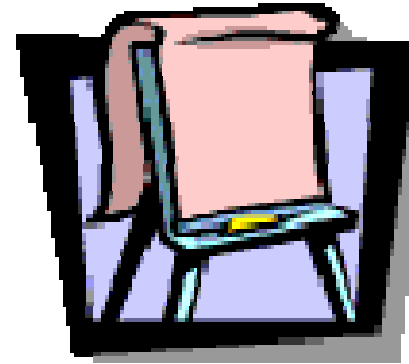
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✓ A variety of tools were used at the scoping meetings to encourage ideas:

- Discussions
- Feedback forms with 8 questions for the Focus Group and 7 questions for the Staff Meeting
- “Design the Facility” exercise.
- Floor Plans & Site Assessment Photos.

✓ Participants in the meetings were asked for ideas regarding:

- Treatment and use of Pemberton’s Headquarters
- Stories that should be told at the site
- Links to other sites in the community
- Potential sources of information.



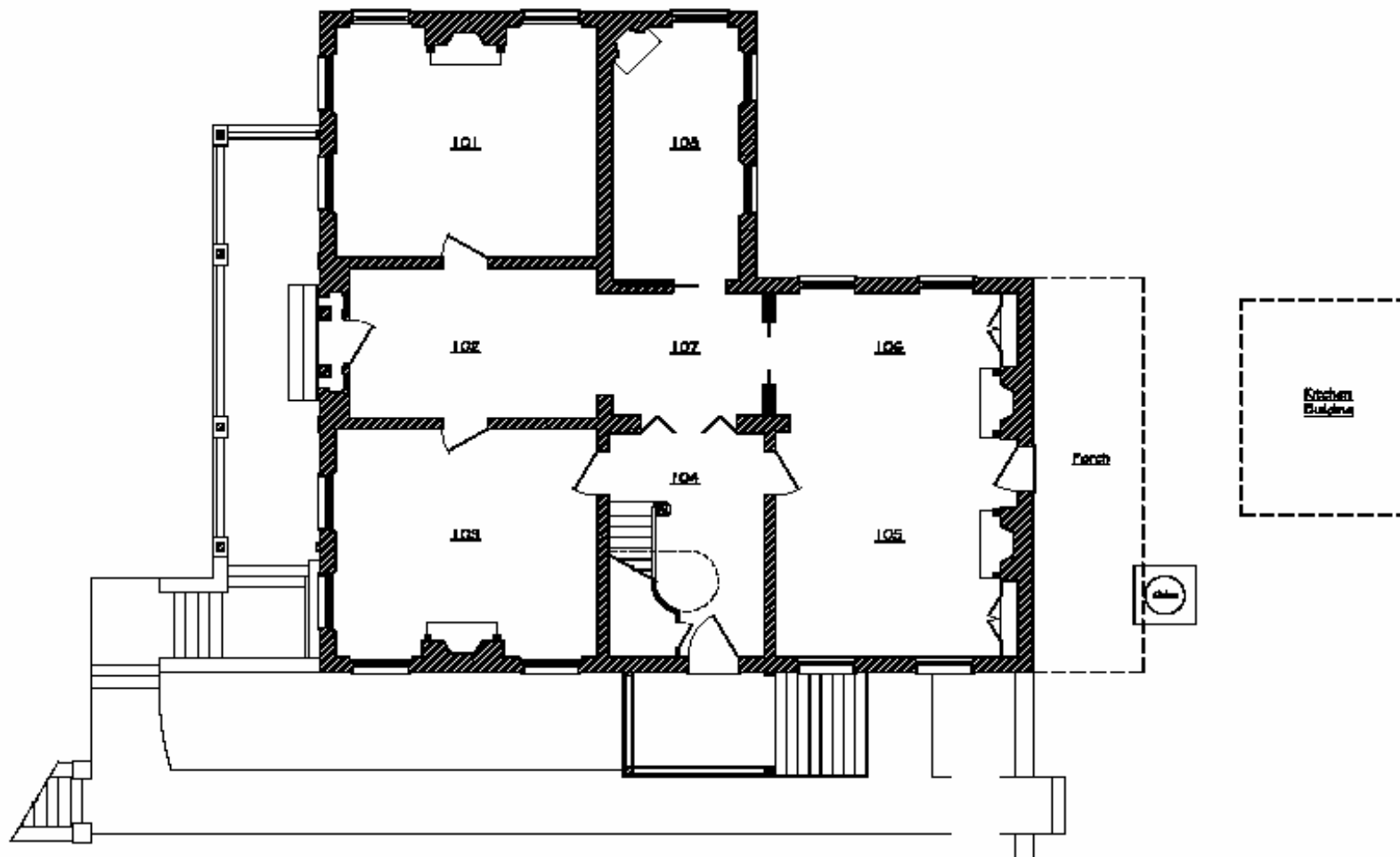


# Pemberton HQ's 1863

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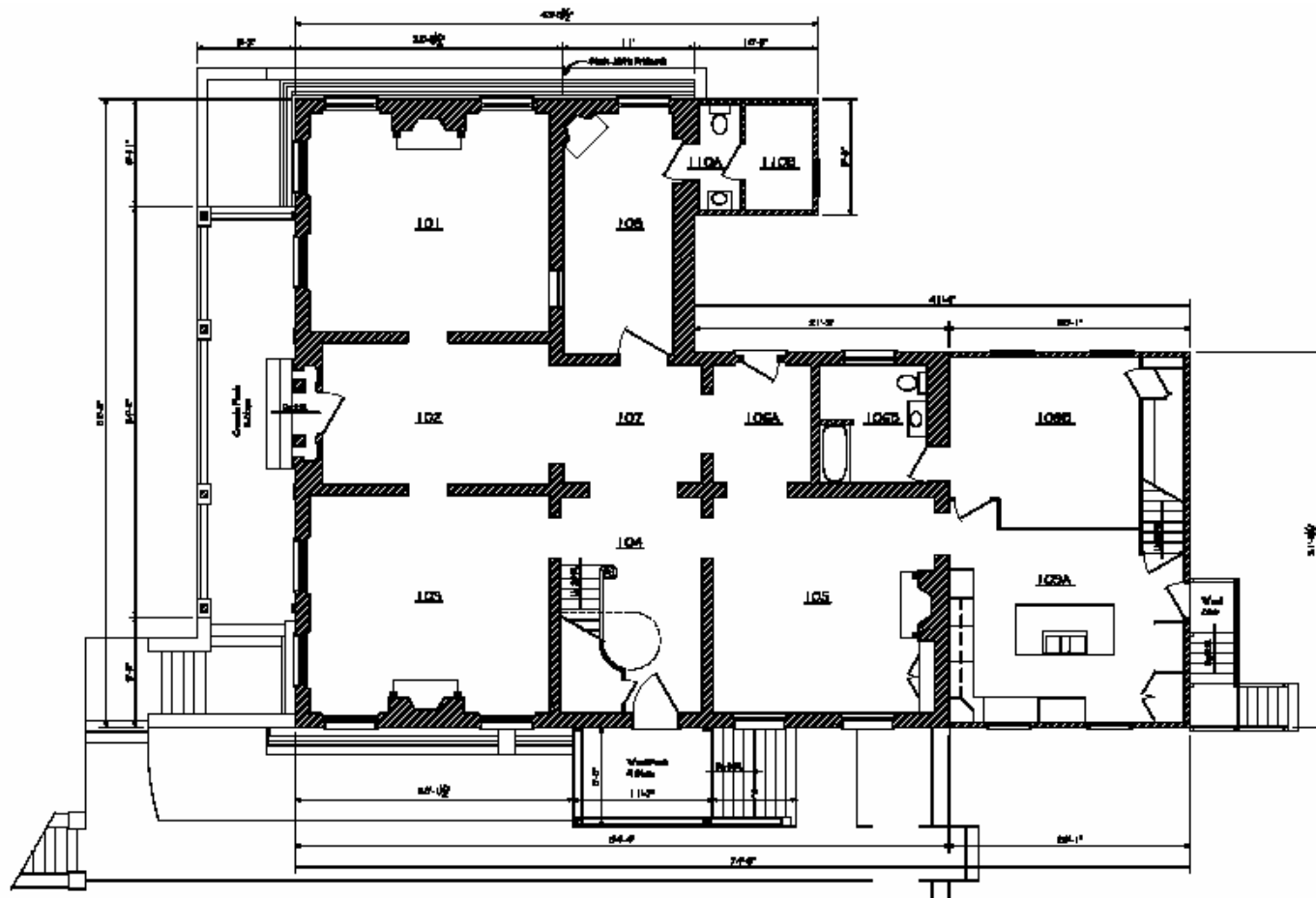


# Pemberton HQ's Today

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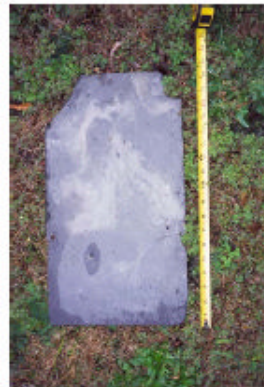


# Site Assessment - Photos

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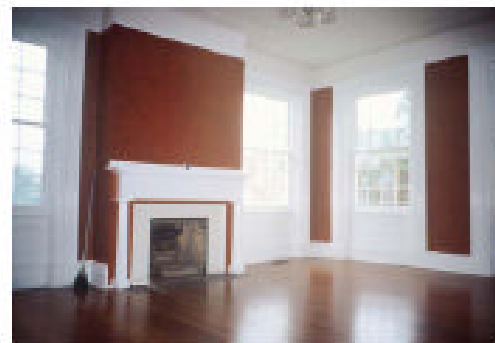


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# Ideas from Individuals: Suggested Treatment & Use of Pemberton's HQ



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- Restore the structure to its 1863 appearance particularly the outside portions visible from the street and the rooms in the front part of the building.
- Remove the addition on the back.
- Keep the addition on the back and use for park administrative space.
- Reconstruct the kitchen house – possibly use it for public restrooms.
- Remove walls added after 1863 and the small addition on the back which is now a restroom.
- Recreate bedrooms.
- Recreate Pemberton's office and, secondarily, his bedroom upstairs.





# Ideas from Individuals: Suggested Treatment & Use of Pemberton's HQ



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- The site should be a strong education center.
- Treatment of the building could be phased. Start with the rooms in front and work back.
- Visitor services (including interpretation and exhibits) should be on the first floor and administrative uses on the second floor.
- Use the building only for interpretation throughout, do not rent out or use for administrative purposes.
- Allow tours of the structure, it should be on the park tour.
- Creature comforts such as restrooms and climate control are needed.
- Access for disabled visitors is needed.



# Ideas from Individuals: Stories to be told at the Site



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- The life of Vicksburg residents before, during, and after the Civil War and how they survived during the siege.
- How did the 1860s owners feel when their home was commandeered for military purposes?
- The site's connection to events that were a turning point in the war.
- The reconstruction period.
- Look at what we already have in Vicksburg. Is there something missing that could be provided at this site?



"Marriage of a Colored Soldier at Vicksburg,"  
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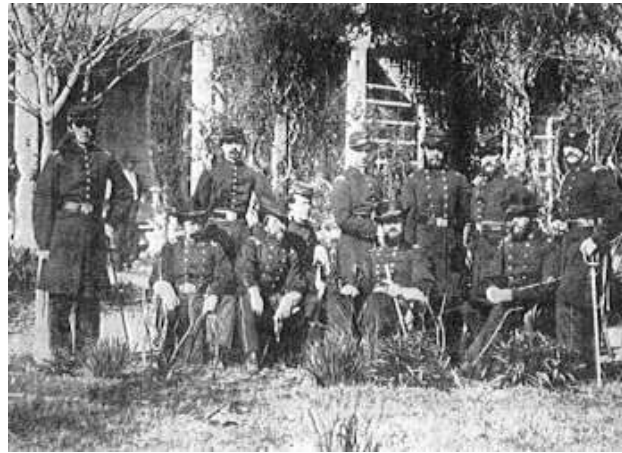


# Ideas from Individuals: Stories to be told at the Site



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- Tell the Pemberton story, but also tell the broader community story, the “people” story.
- What was Vicksburg like before the war? How did it change after the war?
- Relate the story of the Sisters of Mercy, how they acquired the property.
- Interpret the Balfour story.
- Tell how stories of the past influence the present.



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# Ideas from Individuals: Links to other sites in the community

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Link by tours:

- George Washington Ball House
- Bethel Church
- Anchuca
- Duff Green Mansion
- Christ Episcopal Church
- Terry Winschel's driving tour
- Tour along Clay Street– a gateway to downtown beginning at the park
- Lower Mississippi Historic Byway
- Balfour House
- Old Court House Museum
- Antebellum houses
- Corps of Engineers Museum
- Pilgrimage Tour





# Potential sources of information

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Photographs at the Southern Cultural Center.

Marie Pantoliano

Sister Jeremy, Sisters of Mercy archivist in  
St. Louis

Sister Theresa

Sister Paulines, historian

Glenda LaGarde, Sisters historian

Brothers of the Sacred Heart in New Orleans

Brian Bralstone

Judge Frank Volker

Doctor Bali/Ann Rogillio

David Clement, City Architect

Gordon Cotton

Tilman Whitley

Jimmy Hayden

Malcolm Shepherd

Dr. Magid Dagher, Alcorn University

Wes Miller, Alcorn University

Yolanda Robbins

Eulong Roberts



# Planning & Design Process

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- Planning
  - General public meeting to generate additional comments and ideas
  - Devise options for treatment and use.
  - - Distribute newsletter for public comment on options.
- Stabilization & Repair
  - Select architectural-engineering firm
    - Conduct assessments as needed.
    - Prioritize & estimate stabilization and repair work.
    - Prepare design drawings and documents.
    - Compliance activities.
    - Advertise construction contract.
    - Begin stabilization on structure.

